

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Fig. 9 is a front ~~elevation~~-elevational view showing the a component mounting apparatus to which a component holding head according to a first embodiment of the present invention has been applied;

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 13, line ~~14~~¹⁶, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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Fig. 11 is a partial front ~~elevation~~-elevational view showing the component holding head of Fig. 9;

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 23, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Fig. 15 is a front ~~elevation~~-elevational view showing a component holding head according to a second embodiment of the present invention;

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 25, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Fig. 16 is a front ~~elevation~~-elevational view showing a variation of the component holding head according to the second embodiment of the present invention;

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 27, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Fig. 17 is a front ~~elevation~~-elevational view showing another variation of the component holding head according to the second embodiment of the present invention;